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1. During the month of August 1948, the following eastbound transports moved through Frankfurt/Oder:

No. of Trains	No. of Cars	Description of Transports
3	123	New German automobiles
5	192	Glassware *
1	37	Grain *
5	210	Textiles *
82	3,298	Unspecified
2	71	Paper *
2	80	Soap products *
5	192	Cellulose *
4	158	Canned food, dehydrated vegetables
4	158	Machine parts
7	279	Construction wood
8	312	Construction material, wood, cement, barracks parts
3	121	Scrap iron
4	166	Bridge parts (steel)
8	319	Iron masts and beams
5	191	New RR cars
7	291	RR tank cars, guarded
2	83	Narrow-gauge locomotives
1	41	Barracks parts
1	39	Flatcars, new, with Russian markings
1	37	Cars for mines, new
1	40	RR material
1	37	RR tracks and wood
2	77	Iron frames and tracks
1	40	Construction machines
1	37	Large iron pipes
1	37	Large machines, old
2	85	Small agricultural machines and equipment
12	340	Troops going on furlough, approx. 10,700
1	42	Leather goods *
3	111	Large wooden boxes of unspecified content
2	85	Machines, crated

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Transports marked by an asterisk consisted of closed cars whose contents are given only in so far as they could be reliably determined.

2. During August 1948, 142 empty trains returned from Russia and passed through Frankfurt/Oder on their way to Germany; eleven of the trains carried a small number of soldiers (total approx. 270 men). In addition, the following westbound transports were observed moving through Frankfurt/Oder:

<u>No. of Trains</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
14	396	Military personnel returning from furlough in Russia, approx. 12,650 men
16	655	Prisoners of war, approx. 23,500 men
5	(unspecified)	Prisoners of war, approx. 5,000 men
12	494	Closed cars, allegedly containing wheat
1	37	Large iron pipes
1	39	34 medium tanks, accompanied by guards (5 August)
1	26	Medium tanks, accompanied by guards, (9 August). Tanks resembled T-34, but appeared to be lighter and smaller. This train, as well as that of 5 August, proceeded during the night in direction Cottbus.
4	163	Troop transports, EM and officers, approx. 5,000 men
1	38	120 small guns with short barrel, accompanied by crew (17 August)
1	44	70 medium guns, estimated caliber 88 mm., with crew, (18 August)
3	116	Each car containing one large box of unspecified content (perhaps airplanes?)
1	38	Approx. 110 small guns with short barrel, with crew (22 August)

3. During August 1948, the following transports passed through Kuestrin-Kietz, bound for Insterburg:

<u>No. of Trains</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
15	802	Scrap iron
7	386	Timber, mostly for mines
8	429	Cement
1	52	RR tracks
1	43	172 light anti-tank guns, with crew
1	30	120 guns, allegedly 122 mm. Russian howitzers M 1910/30, with crews
9	141	Military transports, EM and officers, approx. 2,530 men, with field equipment (observed between 3 and 11 August)
1	25	25 heavy T-34 tanks, with crew
2	60	German refugees from the east

During the same period, 76 empty trains returned from the east and passed through Kuestrin-Kietz on their way to Germany.

4. Nine Russian planes, flying in formations of three, were seen daily over Kuestrin between 6 and 11 August. The planes, which flew at high altitude, came from a westerly direction and proceeded on a northwesterly course.

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5. Between approximately 3 and 11 August, papers of all travelers arriving in Kuestrin-Kietz were thoroughly checked by German police in the presence of Russian guards. All persons from Berlin whose identification papers showed a "B" stamp were detained; nothing has been learned about their fate.
6. The following transports, bound for Frankfurt/Oder, passed during August 1948 through Zossen:

<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
28	Wooden houses
26	RR tracks and ties
32	Narrow-gauge railway equipment
44	Plaster in barrels
18	Textiles
28	Five-ton trucks, new

7. In addition, the following transports of interest passed through Zossen to destination indicated:

<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>	<u>Destination</u>
26	Gasoline	Rangsdorf
16	16 heavy high-angle guns	Kummersdorf
12	18 heavy prime-movers	Kummersdorf
14	18 heavy motorized ammunition carriers	Kummersdorf
28	Technical troops from Fuerstenwalde, Zossen (camp) approx. 300 men, with signal trucks	
11	2 planes, repaired	Klotzsche
32	Young infantry troops, approx. 800 men	Wuensdorf
12	Airplane spare parts	Klotzsche
22	Young infantry recruits from Oranienburg, approx. 800	Wuensdorf
14	Airplanes to be repaired, from Klotzsche	Rangsdorf
14	Large searchlights	Wuensdorf
8	Field kitchens	Wuensdorf
14	Civilian internees from Oranienburg	Wuensdorf
13	Civilian draftees from Oranienburg	Dresden
16	Timber for field emplacements	Oranienburg
6	High-explosive acid in glass containers	Berlin
10	Engineer troops with equipment, from Gruenau	Torgau
14	Russian officers and dependents from Berlin	Wuensdorf
20	Single and twin-engined planes	Dresden
4	Airplanes without propellers (presumably jet planes) from Klotzsche	Rangsdorf
16	Airplanes to be repaired	Klotzsche
18	40 light mortars, guarded	Oranienburg
22	Gasoline containers for airplanes	Dresden
7	Multiple rocket launchers	Kummersdorf
22	Heavy mortars	Wuensdorf
18	Light mortars	Wuensdorf
22	Airplanes without motors	Rangsdorf
20	Russian prisoners, heavily guarded	Aue
16	Engineer troops with pontons	Eilenburg
12	Radio detachment, with 3 mobile stations, from Potsdam	Wuensdorf

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8. Troops in Jüterbog underwent firing practice between 10 and 14 August, using very heavy guns, presumably the newly arrived high-angle guns which have an estimated caliber of 300 mm. Source estimates that the number of infantry troops in Wuensdorf has been increased to 3,500 men.

9. Between 1 and 20 August, the following transports passed through Elsterwerda on their way to Forst:

No. of Cars	Description of Transports
12	Centrifuges
13	Precision measuring instruments and optical equipment from the Optische Werke Zeitz (sic; presumably Zeiss)
12	Combustion engines for industrial plants
22	Trucks, new, capacity 4 - 5 tons
18	Automobile winches, approx. 30
10	Sewing machines, new
14	Typewriters, new

10. In addition, the following transports of interest passed between 1 and 20 August through Elsterwerda to points indicated below:

No. of Cars	Description of Transports	Destination
28	Infantry troops, approx. 800 men	Aue
10	20 anti-aircraft guns, caliber 100 mm.	Dresden
32	Military personnel going on furlough, men over 40 years of age	Goerlitz
14	Gasoline from Leuna-Werke	Klotzsche
16	Fuel tanks for airplanes	Klotzsche
18	Civilian internees, approx. 200	Cottbus
	Military personnel going on furlough, equipped with weapons, from Wittenberg	Pirna
24	" Torgau	Pirna
22	" Dessau	Pirna
18		Pirna
30	Approx. 50 anti-aircraft guns, approx. caliber 100 mm.	Aken
28	Light tanks, approx. 40	Eisenach
12	With tank crew, approx. 150 men	Eisenach
28	Anti-aircraft guns, approx. 50, from Wuensdorf	Klotzsche
32	Infantry troops, approx. 800 men, and some members of MVD	Eisenach
8	Electro-measuring instruments	Dresden
26	Civilian forced labor, approx. 600 persons	Aue
16	Engineer troops with equipment	Aue
19	Signal troops with equipment and trucks	Eisenach
10	Radio stations, approx. 4	Eisenach
12	Germans drafted for work in Heyden plant, coming from Oranienburg	Radebeul
29	Timber for field emplacements	Jena

12. The Department of Transportation, Berlin, requested the Reichsbahndirektionen Halle and Dresden to report immediately all cars which have not yet been provided with numbers of the Russian occupation forces. A number of trains made up of such cars were dispatched without cargo a few days prior to 20 August to small communities in the east.

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